WASHINGTON, D. C., JULY 2, 1898

The Evansville (Ind.) "Demokrat," a staunch and ably conducted German-American Democratic paper, celebrated last week its 35th anniversary. Our congratulations to our faithful colleague.

The 7 1-2 per cent, Rebate costs the brewers dearly. What the retail dealers now ask of them wipes out in some instances more than ten times the 71/2 per cent. rebate. It was a bad bargain for the brewers that the delegates made with the Committee.

The Effect of the Double Tax. The Baltimore Correspondent

"The war tax will have the result, that at least 200 smaller restaurants in New York will within two weeks have to close their doors. So stated Attorney Benjamin Hoffman, the representative of Collector A. Thrung, yesterday to magistrate Olmstead in the Essex Market Street Police Court in New

As every one of those restau. rant keepers is a revenue gatherer for the Government there is no doubt that there will be a large decrease in the manufacture of beer.

Why the Difference? Democrats Not as Good as Repub-

licans? At the Brewers' Convention at Atlantic City, a few weeks ago, the Republican Congressman Bartholdt, who voted for the bill which increased the tax on beer, was invited as a guest of honor to attend the banquet.

No such invitation was sent to Congressman Kleberg a Democratic German American Congressman, though he not only spoke against that increase, but also voted against it.

The error of last year which gave the credit for killing the Morse bill to the Republican at torney of the Association, Mr. Butterworth, when the Democrat, Senator Hill, killed it in the early morning of March 4, last year, was not corrected at the last convention. On the contrary, another error was made by giving credit to Mr. Butterworth for defeating the "fifty cents" beer tax increase last summer when he was Republican Commissioner of Patents and when there was no such amendment pending, but a "44 cents" increase attempt, which was defeated upon the unanimous resolution of the Democratic Senatorial Caucus upon motion of Senator Gorman. Certainly nobody will say that a tederal officeholder and Republi can leader could have induced Senator Gorman and the Democratic Senators to make that politcal move for the benefit of their party. That is even worse than the Morse bill error.

The Brewers' Association can afford to give credit where it is due, and stand by its friends, and not, at the cost of the latter, by its enemies. That sort of policy will

We at least shall always stand by our triends!

Opposition of the Democratic Senators to the Increase of the Beer Tax.

It will be of interest, whilst the excitement on account of the beer tax increase is running so high between the brewers and retail dealers all over the country, to know what was the position of the five Democra:s on the Finance Committee of the Senate before the Revenue bill passed.

Senators Vest and Daniels were known to us personally to be opposed to any increase of the tax on any article of consumption used by the laboring classes. To ascertain the opinion of the other three, Senators Jones (Arkansas), White and Turpie, we wrote at that time a letter to each of them, and the following are their answers:

United States Senate, Washington, D. C., May 3, 1898. \*Louis Schade, Esq., Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your note of May I and I am much obliged by your kind wishes and congratulations.

I have read the clipping enclosed, with great interest. I shall do what I can in the line of your suggestions, and shall make the opposition to the propose increase as sharp as possible, but I do not know what may be the result, but

noble satisfaction, Yours Very Respectfully, David Turple. duty done in a right cause is itself

United States Senate, Washington, D. C., May 6, 1898. Louis A. Schade, Esq. City.

My Dear Sir:

Your note is received and has been carefully considered. Of course we are giving our very best attention to the matter of the revenue bill, and will try to put it in the strongest shape. Very truly yours,

James K. Jones. Senator Jones made a very able

and earnest speech in the Senate against the increase. United States Senate. Washington, D. C., May 6, 1898,

Louis Schade, Esq , "The Sentimel," Washington, D. C.

tax on beer will be unpopular and can-not ultimately prove advantageous to the Terror.

those who impress it. I am one o the very few who are in favor of eliminating it from the bill. My impression is that the majority are determined that the measure shall go through with the beer tax remaining. Yours truly, Stephen M. White,

Remembering that Schator Gor man was chiefly instrumental when last year the 44 cents increase was unanimously defeated in Caucus by all the Democratic Senators, which torced the Republican Senators to withdraw the amendment from the Finance Committee, we also wrote to him and received the following answer:

United States Senate, Washington, D. C., May 5, 1898. Mr. Louis Schade, Washington, D. C. My dear Sir: I am 10 receipt of you letter of yesterday in reference to the proposed tax on beer-So far as I can I will comply with your suggestions, but it is impossible to say what direction affairs will take under

present circumstances. A. P. GORMAN. Yours truly,

All those letters show that all the Democratic members of the Finance Committee were opposed to the increase, just as they were last year when they tought and defeated the 44 cents increase. We confess that we were confident that our Democratic friends would again be successful and wrote in this paper in every number advocating that policy. The above letters showed our activity and hopefulness.

But then came the New York sub-committeee to see Dingley and other Republicans, and declared that the brewers were patriotic enough to pay the \$2 tax, and got as reward the 71/2 per cent. rebate. That destroyed all hopes. The Democratic Senators, when they found that the brewers were satis fied, stopped opposition against the \$2 tax, and we ourself had to do the same, knowing that we could not effect anything more.

Laboring classes are dissatisfied and will be more so, when matters are fixed so that only the consummer pay the tax. Then the Democratic Senators, representing the masses of the people, will again come to the rescue of the latter, by repealing the new tax.

As soon as peace will be declared and affairs become again settled, that will be done, provided that the sub-committee will not again interfere.

The Breakdown of the Bureaus. In regard to the new revenue law there has been a complete breakdown in some of the administrative departments-an utterly inexcusable breakdown,

The new law imperatively exacts that stamps shall be bought and affixed to proprietary articles, to bank checks, to stock transfer agreements and to a gre t variety of documents. But the Government is wholly incapable of supplying the stamps required.

It has no stamps for bank checks. So it has had to buy from the postoffice all the postage stamps that could be supplied and overprint them with the letters "I. R.," making them Internal Revenue stamps. But even of these it has so few that the man imperatively needing a thousand must content himself with twenty.

Of larger denominations there are practically none. The man who executes a legal document calling for \$20 in stamp taxes must affix a thousand two cent stamps to it, at cost of a clerk's work for the best part of a day, simply be cause the Government bureaus

have failed to supply larger stamps. And if he cannot get the one thousand stamps, as usually he cannot, he must postpone his transaction or risk the penalties of the

In reaching Port Said Admiral Camara had the satisfaction of finding himself a long way from Cadiz, but he did not leave his troubles behind him. His coaling difficulties had just begun, and they will harass him all the way to the Philippines, should he ever go there. Then he will find himself in the presence of an enemy who can keep him out of Manila harbor, and can also, in case of battle, send a good part of Camara's vessels to join Montojo's ships at the bottom of that harbor.

MADRID officially credits the statement that the Americans have been driven back to the protection of their ships' guns near Santiago. and officially discredits the statement that an American fleet is to sail at once for the Spanish coast. Such was last Tuesday's paragraph in the daily warning that Spain can be convinced in one way only.

THE Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention by a vote of 238 to 184 retused to amend the platform so as to reaffirm the Chicago platform and indorse William I Bryan. George A. Jenks, Solicitor General under the first Cleveland Administration, was nominated for Governor.

THERE is no lack of sentiment in the decrees of fate-sometimes. One time was when the fate of war decreed that the first enemy to be Yours of the 5th inst. received. I crippled by Capt. Sigsbee, of the agree with you that the imposition of a Maine, was a Spanish torpedo boat,

A New Prohibition Move at the Capitol,

The House Committee on Alcoholic Liquor Traffic last Tuesday reported tavorably the bill to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on reservations and in buildngs controlled by the United States. The report is an elaborate and vigorous one. It says tew bills have had the support of so many petitioners, and that the committee unanimously conclude that few if any reasons exist why the United States Government should engage in the liquor traffic, even to the extent of legalizing or permitting the sale of intoxicants within its immigrant stations, soldiers' homes, military posts, or any other build ings under its control, including the Capitol or other government buildings within the District of Columbia or any reservation upon which such buildings are situated.

The committee is filled by Speaker Reed with prohibitionists. In the report accompanying the bill it further says:

Numerous reasons exist why the government should not only discourage but absolutely prohibit the sale of all intoxicants in all buildings and upon all rounds within the scope of this bill To the average mind it seems inconsist ent that the Congress of the United States should enact laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicants within a certain specified distance of a school house or church in the District of Columbia, or within one mile of the Soldiers' Home of the District. And notwithstanding all this painstaking care on the part of our ational lawmakers, it is not necessary o go outside of the four walls of the building wherein these laws are enacted of intoxicating liquors. It may be said by some that such sales are a violation of existing laws. But in order to remove any doubt that may exist the American Congress should not hesitate to pass a law which would say to our country it no uncertain terms, intoxicants are not necessary incentives to needed and wholesome legislation. During the Fifty-fourth Congress bill passed the House making it unlawful to sell any kind of intoxicating liquors

House was almost unanimous The reason why it did not be come a law was that Senator Hill in a great speech fought it, and thereby frightened the Republican Senators, who had elections pending. One of the two Morse bills prohibited the sale of intoxicating liquors at the Capitol restaurant. It was killed by Senator Faulkner on the morning of March 4th last year, at the same time Senator Hill killed the other Morse bill, for which act credit was

in the Capitol building, but it did not

that the vote by which it passed the

become a law, notwithstanding the fact

Brewers' Convention to Mr. Butterworth. Now, Congressmen and Senaors, will you pass that prohibition bill and prohibit the sale of those articles in the United States Territories, after doubling the tax on beer and drawing from the sale of liquors over \$130,000,000 revenue a year to carry on the war?

As the consumer pays the tax, will you even at the Capitol refuse to help pay that tax?

And then, what poverty testimony will it be, if you stop the sale of articles at the Capitol from which you draw so much revenue, because you cannot be trusted with the use of them? What imbecility on your part if you pass that bill brought before you by a miserable set of male and female fanatics!

If that bill should pass there must be an aye and nay vote.

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Internal Revenue Decisions.

CLAIM FOR REFUND.

No provision authorizing relief when spirits are stolen from warehouse. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has addressed the following letter to Collector Rucker, of Atlanta, Ga:

"The claim of I. S. Stewart for the refunding of \$66, tax paid on spirits alleged to have been stolen from warehouse, is hereby rejected. "There is no provision of law author-

izing relief in cases where spirits are "No allowance can be made for loss in warehouse unless a request for a regauge is made and filed with the col

lector within four years after entry of

the spirits and prior to withdra wal."

BOTTLED WINES-STAM ' TAX.

he provision of the act of June 1', 1898, in Schedule B, im osing tay on wines bottled for sale, applies not only to native wines and to wines bottled in this country, but also to wines bottled in f. reign countries and im-ported into the United States. The Commissioner of Internal Reve

nue has addressed the following letter

to Chapin, Trull & Co., New York: "In reply to your letter of inquiry o the 11th instant, you are hereby advised that the provision of the act of June 13. 1898, in schedule B, imposing a tax on 'sparkling or other wines, when bottled tor sale, upon each bottle containing one pint or less, one cent; upon each bottle containing more than one pint, two cents,' applies not only to domestic wines and to wines nottled in this country, but also to wines bottled in foreign countries and imported into the United States and sold.

Section 24 of the act provides that: Every person, except as otherwise provided in this act, who offers or exposes for sale any article or thing provided for in said schedule B, whether the article so offered or exposed is of foreign manufacture and imported or of domestic manufacture, shall be deemed the manufacturer thereof, and shall be subject to all the taxes, liabilities, and penalties imposed by law for the sale of articles without the use of the proper stamp denoting the tax paid thereon, and all such articles of toreign manufacture shall, in addition to the import duty imposed on the same, be subject to the stamp tax prescribed in the act.

STAMPS ON PROPRIETARY ARTICLES. uch articles in the hands of wholesale or re-tail dealers July 1, 1898, must be stamped when sold at retail.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has addressed the following letter to Congressman Shattuc:

"Your letter of the 14th instant, inclosing letter which you have received from Messrs. Rheinstrom Bettman, Johnson & Co., of Cincinnati asking a construction of the clause in the new revenue law in regard to stamps on proprietary articles has been received.

"In reply, I have the honor to state that on and after July 1, 1898, the maker wrongfully given at last year's or manufacturer of any of the articles named in Schedule B must affix the proper stamp thereto before the same are sold, sent out, removed or delivered. As to stock in hands of dealers on the first day of July, 1898 the law provides as follows:

" 'It shall be deemed a compliance with this act as to such articles on hand in the hands of wholesale or retail dealers, as aforesaid, who are not the manufacturers thereof, to affix the proper adhesive tax stamp at the time the box, packet, bottle, pot or phial or other inclosure with its contents is sold at re-

EMERGENCY REGULATION.

Ever since the delay of Congress in passing the war revenue act, which made it a possibility that the Treasury Department would be unable to supply the country with the new revenue stamps prior to the 1st of July, the date on which the act takes effect, the Treasury Department has been flooded with inquiries as to what the taxpayers should do on the morning of July 1 if they are unable to procure the adhesive stamps necessary for the transaction of business,

Revenue Scott made a ruling in which he gives explicit directions for the guidance of those who are unable to procure these stamps on or before July I. In the bill it is provided that in all cases where the party has not affixed the stamp required by law upon any instrument issued, registered, sold or transferred at the time when and at the

Tuesday Commissioner of Internal

place where no collection district was established, it shall be lawful for him or them or any party having an interest therein to affix the proper stamp thereto, Where no collection district was established it is construed and held to be the same as if it read "where no stamp deputyship or agency was established,' and where for that reason it was impossible to procure the stamps and where the failure to affix them was not due to any willful desire to defraud the United States or to avoid or delay payment. The taxpayer may in such cases be relieved by the collector from the

payment of the penalty. It is held that the law does not require impossible things to be done, and where, for the reason above given, ittwas not possible to procure the stamps it does not necessitate that business shall stop and venders shall by reason thereof withhold goods from the market, but that legitimate business may be transacted if the stamps required on goods disposed of under such circumstances may be affixed by the owners thereof or the parties interested therein, and in cases of consumption the retail vender shall make sworn return of the facts to the collector of internal revenue, who shall assess the amount of tax due and collect the same under the rules and

regulations provided under the law. Taxpayers are admonished that this urgency regulation does not in any way excuse them from the duties imposed upon them by the statute with reference to procuring stamps for all instruments and things required to be stamped under schedules A and B of the war revenue laws of 1898, and neglect to perform any of the requirements thereof except for unavoidable reasons, as above stated, will render the taxpayer liable to the penaities provided therein and they will be strictly enforced.

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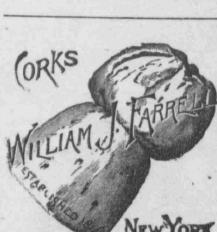
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